



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Wet Weather Slows Harvest

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures for the week ending October 10 ranged from 2 to 10 degrees above normal for the state. Every reporting station reported precipitation. Major agricultural activities included seeding winter wheat, fall tillage, cutting alfalfa, and harvesting potatoes and pulse crops.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 4% very short, 20% short, 75% adequate, and 1% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

For most areas of the state, winter wheat seedings are ahead of the five year average. The Twin Falls extension educator reported wet weather over the last week slowed hay and bean harvest. Corn for silage harvest is in full swing but the crop is coming off a bit immature. In Caribou County, the harvest is mostly complete and farmers are working on fall field work.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Statewide, alfalfa third cutting harvested, at 95 percent, is virtually complete, while alfalfa fourth cutting is at 61 percent complete. The Caribou County extension educator reported that cattle are starting to come down from summer range into fall pasture.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2010	2009	Avg.
Dry Beans Harvested	85	97	96
Onions Harvested	93	99	90
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	3	3	14
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	61	90	86
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	61	68	81

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	2	18	34	45	1
Irr. Water Supply	1	6	22	66	5
Potato	0	7	17	64	12

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	77	71	67	79	64	83	78	74	75	91	86	84	82	75	75
Emerged	20	15	9	68	38	53	54	25	29	55	53	51	41	31	29
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	98	100	98	63	61	66	61	68	62	63	68	65
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	6	12	12	28	23	21	22	17	18	23	20	19
Alfalfa															
Third Cutting	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100	100	98	100	88	86	95	95	93	98

Avg (2005 – 2009); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 10, 2010 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	69	45	55	2	0.89	0.61	13.59	1.75	3678	1899	-267
Grangeville	69	41	56	7	0.79	0.37	17.63	1.63	3523	1796	186
Lewiston	74	46	60	6	0.55	0.34	8.80	1.52	4961	2934	77
Porthill	67	39	53	7	0.77	0.52	21.42	10.9	3205	1504	-151
Winchester	70	37	53	6	0.85	0.49	16.11	0.89	2796	1232	129
Southwest											
Boise	77	44	59	5	0.20	0.06	7.91	1.71	4453	2546	-178
Emmett	85	46	60	7	0.15	0.01	6.37	0.23	4362	2509	-100
Glenns Ferry	77	39	58	5	0.32	0.23	6.51	1.79	4399	2575	-54
Grandview	80	39	58	4	0.21	0.13	3.69	-0.41	4445	2551	-349
Nampa	76	44	58	4	0.12	-0.02	5.22	-0.11	4373	2478	-250
Parma	78	44	60	8	0.26	0.12	3.79	-2.03	4558	2628	82
South Central											
Fairfield	70	28	51	4	0.42	0.28	6.27	-0.59	2614	1101	-368
Malta	73	35	55	5	0.09	-0.05	6.85	-0.63	3493	1809	-223
Picabo	71	33	54	7	0.42	0.28	5.80	-0.56	3309	1705	111
Rupert	72	39	56	5	0.43	0.29	7.39	1.94	3572	1876	-209
Twin Falls	73	40	56	5	0.30	0.16	4.60	-0.97	3810	2068	78
East											
Aberdeen	72	35	56	8	0.20	0.06	4.54	-1.28	3462	1789	44
Ashton	75	34	51	6	0.56	0.28	8.69	-2.54	2752	1216	-124
Fort Hall	76	35	56	7	0.16	-0.05	6.10	-1.45	3509	1822	-161
Idaho Falls	86	35	58	10	0.19	0.02	6.84	-0.05	3619	1926	78
Lava Hot Springs	82	35	55	5	0.61	0.40	9.76	2.21	3453	1804	-179
Monteview	73	35	53	6	0.45	0.32	5.36	-1.09	3015	1407	-328
Preston	78	37	56	6	0.65	0.39	7.96	-1.20	3790	2088	3
Rexburg	74	31	52	5	0.15	-0.06	6.19	-2.24	2963	1341	-92

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.